

**TO: THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR MANAGING OFFICER OF ALL LOUISIANA
STATE-CHARTERED BANKS AND THRIFTS**

FROM: JOHN DUCREST, COMMISSIONER

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RE: FINANCIAL UPDATE

In the aftermath of the recent failure of IndyMac Bancorp, you may be receiving calls from customers regarding the financial condition of your bank or thrift. As can be seen in the following chart, a great majority (97 percent) of the banks and thrifts domiciled in Louisiana are rated in the highest two categories under the regulatory CAMELS ratings system. Based on key financial indicators relating to capital, asset quality, and earnings, the overall financial condition of the banks and thrifts in Louisiana remains extremely sound at this time. Management is experienced, capable, and operated under extremely adverse economic conditions in the mid-to-late 80's and early 90's. All accounts are insured by the FDIC up to applicable limits and can be structured in a manner that provides maximum coverage for your customers.

CAMELS Ratings for ALL banks and thrifts domiciled In Louisiana @ 12/31/07 - The following chart reflects the composite ratings of all banks and thrifts domiciled in the State of Louisiana as of December 31, 2007.

Composite CAMELS	All Banks / Thrifts %		State-Chartered Banks / Thrifts %		Federally-Chartered Banks / Thrifts %	
Rating of "1"	108	67%	88	67%	20	65%
Rating of "2"	49	31%	39	30%	10	32%
Rating of "3"	4	2%	3	2%	1	3%
Rating of "4"	1	1%	1	1%	0	0%
Rating of "5"	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Not yet rated	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
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TOTAL	162		131		31	

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